

## John Ellett ("Soldier Jack")

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A magisterial inquiry, to ascertain the cause of the death of a man named John Ellett, *alias* "Soldier Jack," was held before Mr Wigg, J.P., at the Court House, Rushworth, on Tuesday last.

William Anderson deposed that the deceased had been working with him for two or three years. On Monday week he complained of cold and shivering; he came into Rushworth on Wednesday, but went to work on Thursday; on that and subsequent nights he walked about

almost continuously; he complained of a pain in the chest, but did not employ a medical attendant. He was not a man likely to commit suicide; did not know the address of any of deceased's friends; deceased died in witnesses arms about one o'clock on that (Tuesday) morning; he was 62 years of age; he had no money coming to him for wages.

Constable McBride deposed that he had visited Anderson's house, and viewed the body; there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding it; had known the deceased for about 12 months; he was steady, and appeared to suffer from asthma.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.